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1. Word has recently been received by Dr. Vladko Macek in Paris from Dr. Milan Gavrilovich, Serbian Agrarian Party leader in London, signifying his complete approval of the declaration of the Peasant Party opposition groups and indicating that he and his colleagues in London were looking forward to Dr. Macek's visit in the near future. At the same time, Dr. Macek has had indications that the presence in Paris of Dragisa Cvetkovich has created a good deal of tension in Yugoslav circles in London, particularly among the Serbs, who are somewhat apprehensive lest Cvetkovich put himself forward as the chief Serb collaborator of Dr. Macek. In Dr. Macek's opinion this is having the salutary effect of rendering the Serbs in London much more cooperative in their attitude toward him.

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2. A few days before Andre Philip took office as French Minister of Finance in Leon Blum's cabinet, he requested an interview with Dr. Macek, calling on him at his home. Philip explained his visit by saying that he and the French Socialist Party were much interested in the situation in Yugoslavia and were eager to lend their moral support and encouragement to any legal opposition on the part of the Yugoslav people to the present communist dictatorship. He inquired in great detail about present conditions in Yugoslavia and the character of the various Yugoslav parties. He concluded by expressing the opinion that the Peasant Parties represented for Eastern Europe very much the same kind of political and moral force in the life of the people as the Socialist parties in Western Europe. He also expressed the opinion that the Socialist parties, Peasant Parties and Christian Democratic parties throughout Europe should cooperate in opposing the further encroachments of Communism. Dr. Macek had the impression that Philip paid this visit after consultation with Vincent Auriol and that possibly their interest had originally been aroused by certain MRP leaders who have been in close touch all along with Dr. Macek. Before leaving, Philip assured Macek that he had no reason to fear for his personal safety under any government in which the Socialists had a strong influence.

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